

REMARKS

Amendment to the Specification

The Specification has been objected to because of informalities. Applicant has amended the Specification to remove references to "Figures" on lines 16, 18 and 20 and replace with the correct word "Figure". Applicant respectfully requests that this objection to the Specification be removed as the amendment to the Specification has rendered the objection moot.

Rejections of the Claims

Claims 1-10, 12-15, 19-21, 23-32 and 33-45 are currently pending in this application. Independent claims 1 and 30 have been amended. No new matter has been entered by the aforementioned amendments. Claims 8, 19-29, and 41-45 have been cancelled.

Independent claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,683,733 to Marin and under § 103 as being obvious over the combination of Chen and Marin. Independent claim 30 has also been rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen in view of Marin. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections and requests reconsideration of the claims as amended. The rejections of cancelled independent claims 8, 19 and 41 are moot.

Claims 1 and 30 each require that the cam body have first and second flat surfaces which converge to define an over-center point and that the spring engages the first and second flat surfaces of the cam so as to bias the dead bolt toward the locked and unlocked positions, respectively. This structure is described in the Specification at page 6, lines 13-25 and is shown in Figures 6-8. Neither Marin nor Chen disclose these limitations, alone or in combination.

Marin discloses a rotatable annular member 74 that has an operating arm 76. The round body 74 of the Marin cam does not have an over-center point formed by two flat surfaces, in accordance

with claims 1 and 30. Similarly, Chen has a cam 42 with a round body, but without flat surfaces to form an over-center point. Therefore, claims 1 and 30 set forth unique structure which is not met by the cited references so as to be in proper form for allowance.

Claims 2-7, 9, 10 and 12-15 depend from claim 1 and claims 31-40 depend from claim 30 so as to be allowable.

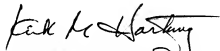
Conclusion

This amendment accompanies the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please charge Deposit Account No. 26-0084 the amount of \$790.00 for the RCE per the transmittal.

No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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